

highly absorbed by blood and less so by melanin and water.

Optical energy is generated by a laser or a white light device such as a flashlamp, medium pressure arc lamp or a filament lamp. Wavelength selection of the white light spectrum of a flashlamp is accomplished through the use of optical absorbing and reflecting filters and by optimizing the blackbody peak wavelength as taught in pending U.S. Serial No. 10/351,273 filed Jan. 24, 2003 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Treating Skin Disorders Using a Near Black Body Flashlamp Source", which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety into the present application.

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